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Professor X



Cyclops



Marvel Girl



Storm



Wolverine



Shadowcat



Beast



Colossus

S t a n L e e p r e s e n t s :

# ULTIMATE X-MEN

Professor Charles Xavier brought them together to bridge the gap between humanity and those born with strange and amazing powers: Cyclops, Marvel Girl, Storm, Iceman, Beast, Colossus and Wolverine. They are the X-Men, soldiers for Xavier's war to bring peace between man and mutant!

## PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE X-MEN:

The X-Men have gone public in an attempt to carry their pro-mutant/human relations messages forward. The X-Men now fall under the jurisdiction of U.S. security leader Nick Fury with both the government and Xavier trying to figure out exactly how this new relationship will work. Recently, Fury sent Wolverine, without Professor X's knowledge, to take care of a boy whose mutant power killed his whole town.

The government administration feared that Professor X has been controlling The President's mind. With this in mind the Chief of Staff called in a mutant expert to see the President. Her name is Emma Frost.

Unknown to the rest of the X-Men, Hank McCoy, a.k.a. The Beast, left Xavier's Mansion without a word after he thought that the new member Angel had stolen his girlfriend Storm's affections.



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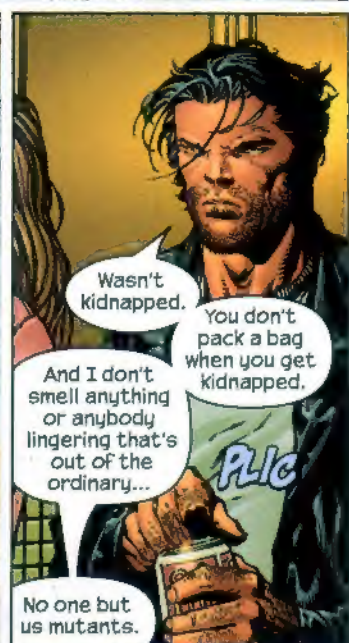
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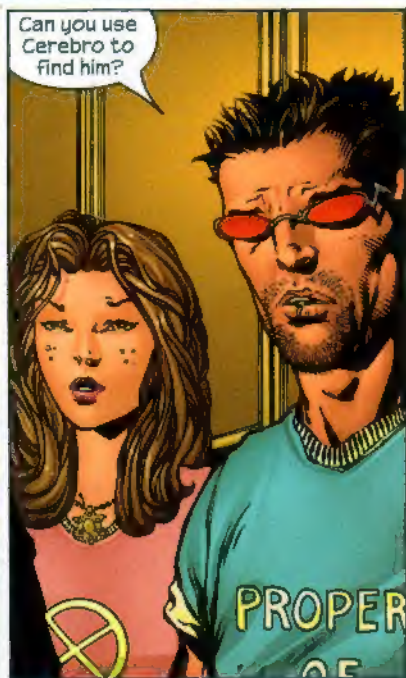
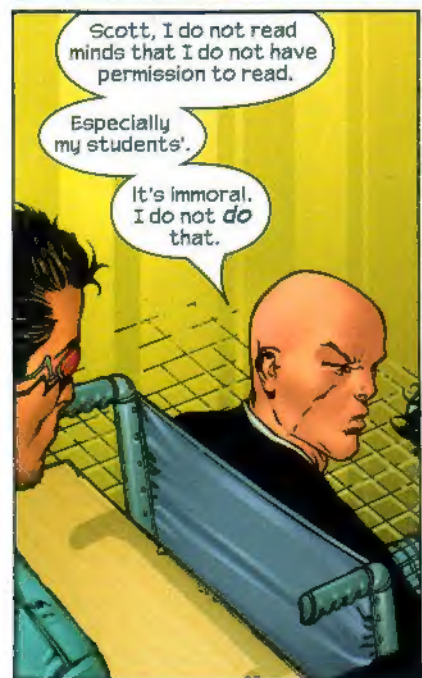














WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION  
ROOM

Mr.  
President...

My name is  
Emma Frost. I am  
a schoolteacher  
in Chicago.

And you can help  
me with my mutant  
problem?

Yes, sir.

And are you  
a mutant, Ms.  
Frost?

Yes, sir.

DON'T YOU  
MOVE!!

AAGGHH!!

EVERYONE  
DOWN!

Section  
seven, Eagle is  
compromised.  
Send backup.  
Send--

NO!!

OW!!

NO!!





No!! No!! She has security clearance!! She's cleared!!

Sir, we have a specific mutant--

But, sir.

Stand down, Agent Kraken!!

I understand!! She- this woman has clearance!

STAND DOWN!!



She's in the #\$\$\$ Situation Room, for crying out loud!!

I am ordering you to stand down!!!



My apology, Ms. Frost, ever since Magneto attacked--

I- uh- whooh- I understand.

That's uh- that's the first time *that's* ever happened to me.

Eagle is okay. False alarm. Repeat: false alarm. Code 97.



So...

What kind of a mutant gets to walk herself right into the White House Situation Room?





Sir, I- I have been running some mutant education seminars in my school district.

Our governor supported it and last month introduced me to your chief of staff.



He thought that--

What's your mutant whamma jamma?

I'm sorry, sir?



Your mutant power...

What do you do? Show me.



Show you?



Will it hurt me?



No.



You gonna get into my brain?

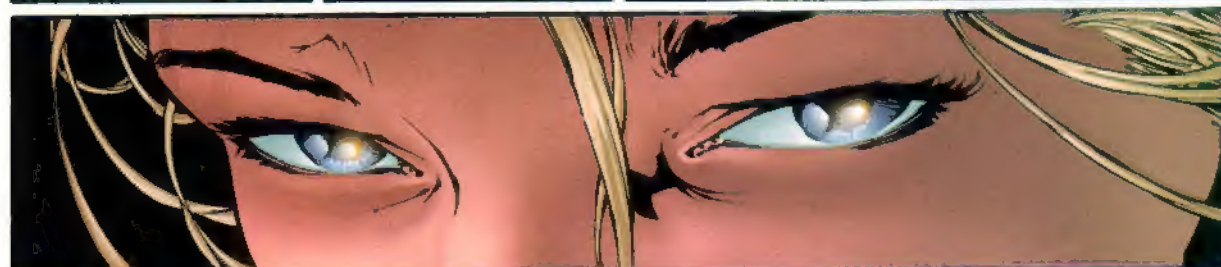


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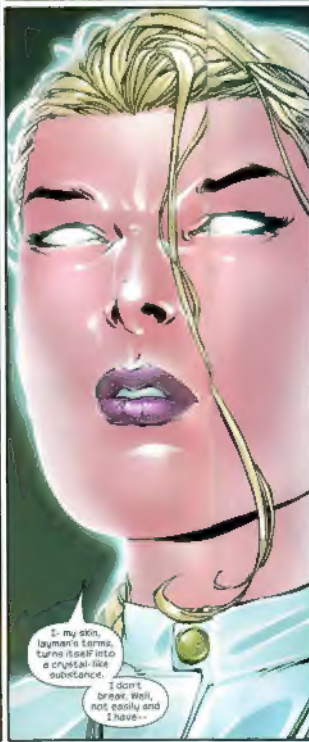
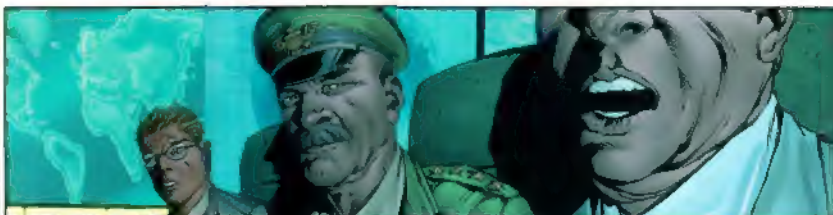


All right then...

Show me something...







I - my skin, layman's terms, turns itself into a crystal-like substance.

I don't break. Well, not easily and I have...



So you could have pretty much taken out the whole room if you wanted to.

I wouldn't do that.

See, Mr. President, the answer isn't violence... it's education.

Mutant racism is a social problem, not a war.



The only way to treat it is to educate people.

Sure here you used to be one of Xavier's students?



Yes, sir.

To be honest, we were more than Leech's student.



Really?

Yes, sir. We had a falling out. This was years ago.

Over?

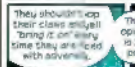
Over just what we are discussing.



I do not believe that mutants should get themselves up as a police force.

Violence projects nothing but violence.

What mutants *should* be are role models and educators and they should live by example.



They should pick their claws and still bring it on every time they are faced with adversity.



This, in my opinion, sir, is Xavier's problem.

This is why he has failed at his life's mission.

Not to mention he may be, the idea of these, what does he call them, the "X-Men", are just...

Just what?

They're just names.



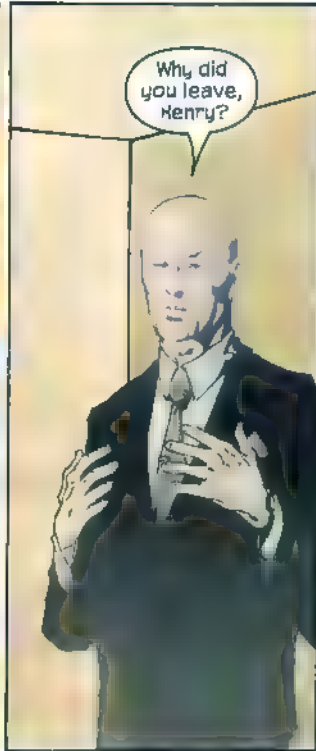
Well, Mr. President...

You've got my attention.







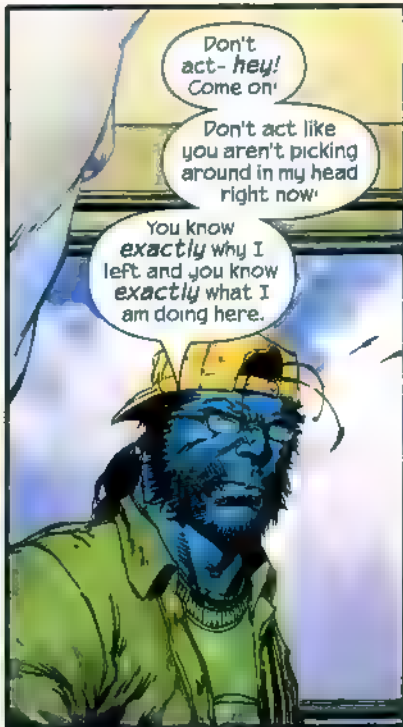
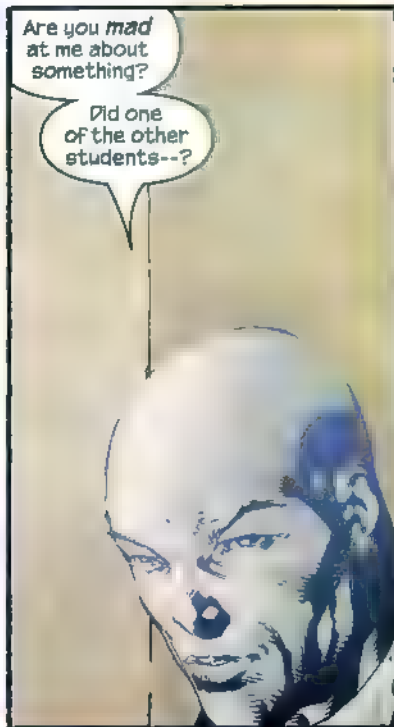






Are you *mad* at me about something?

Did one of the other students--?



Don't act- *hey!* Come on!

Don't act like you aren't picking around in my head right now!

You know *exactly* why I left and you know *exactly* what I am doing here.



No, I don't.

Henry, if I knew the answer to the question I just asked, why would I even bother *asking* the question?

You're my student and my friend.

I respect you and would *never* just read your thoughts. Those are your thoughts.

I would never do that.

Well, I made my decision.

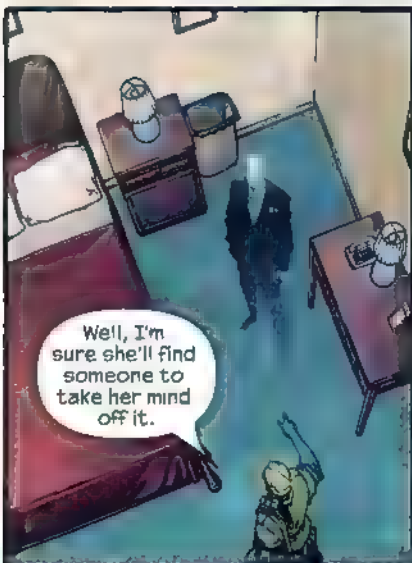
I made my decision and that's that.

So- so that's that.



You've hurt Ororo a great deal.

She's devastated.



Well, I'm sure she'll find someone to take her mind off it.



Are you talking about Warren? About Angel?

Did you leave because of that?

Henry, when I said that he was attracted to her, that doesn't mean she is attracted to him.



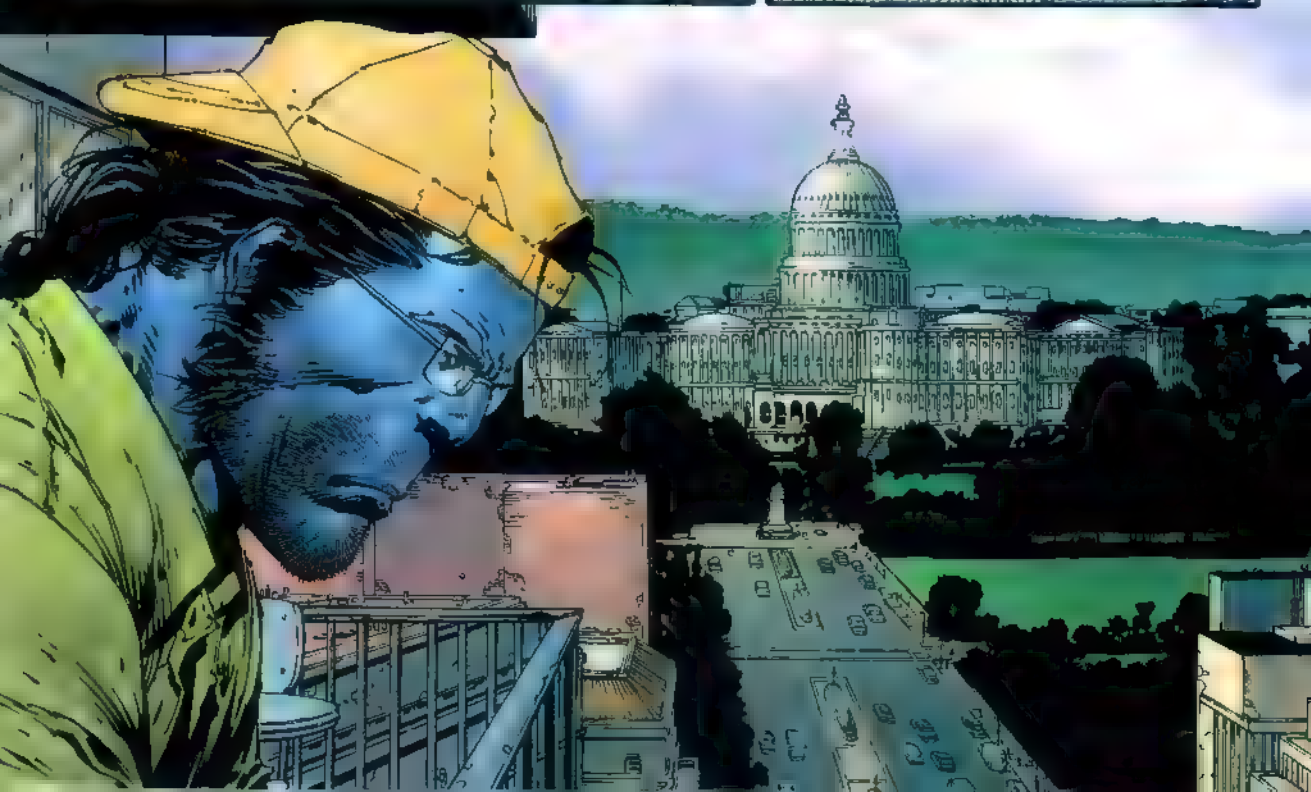
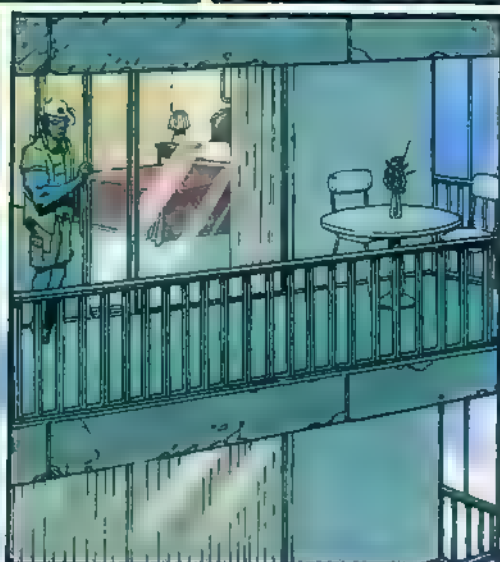
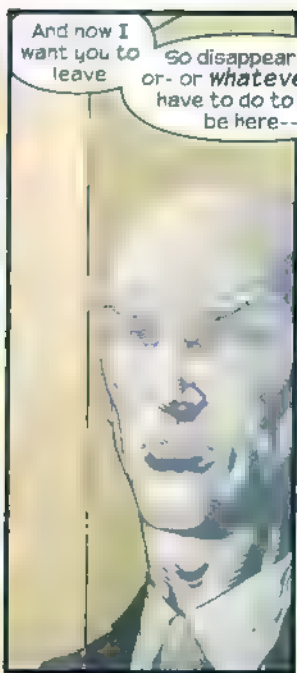
It just means that she was the--

Don't!!

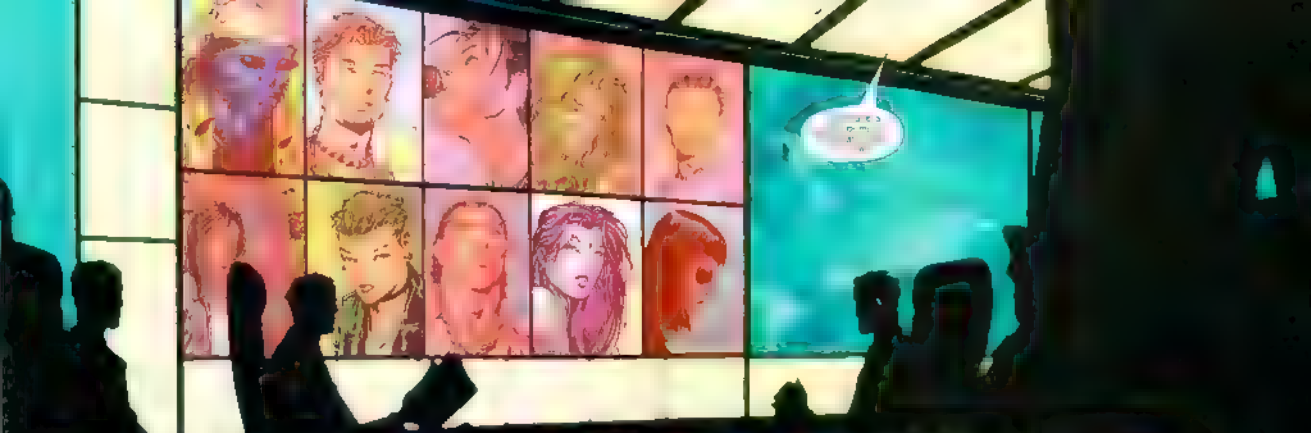
Okay?? Just...

Don't.









Some men and women mutants all who are not trained warriors but smart, attractive mutants

Not warriors but potential spokesmen or the White House's mutant agenda

Faces of no future

People who can speak to the kids in their own



There's no value in person



It's a rock and roll star

My persona rears head and MTV will back her

That's what she's got

De House Rev - don't get your hands on me

Quinn, the Brotherhood said I was

Wait

I was a girl

no one would say that I was a girl

But I was a girl

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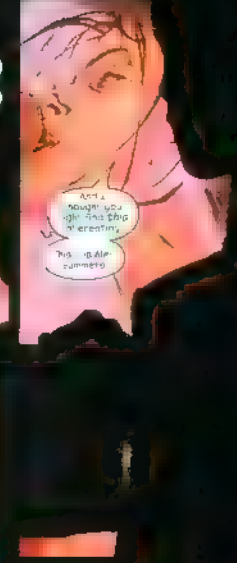
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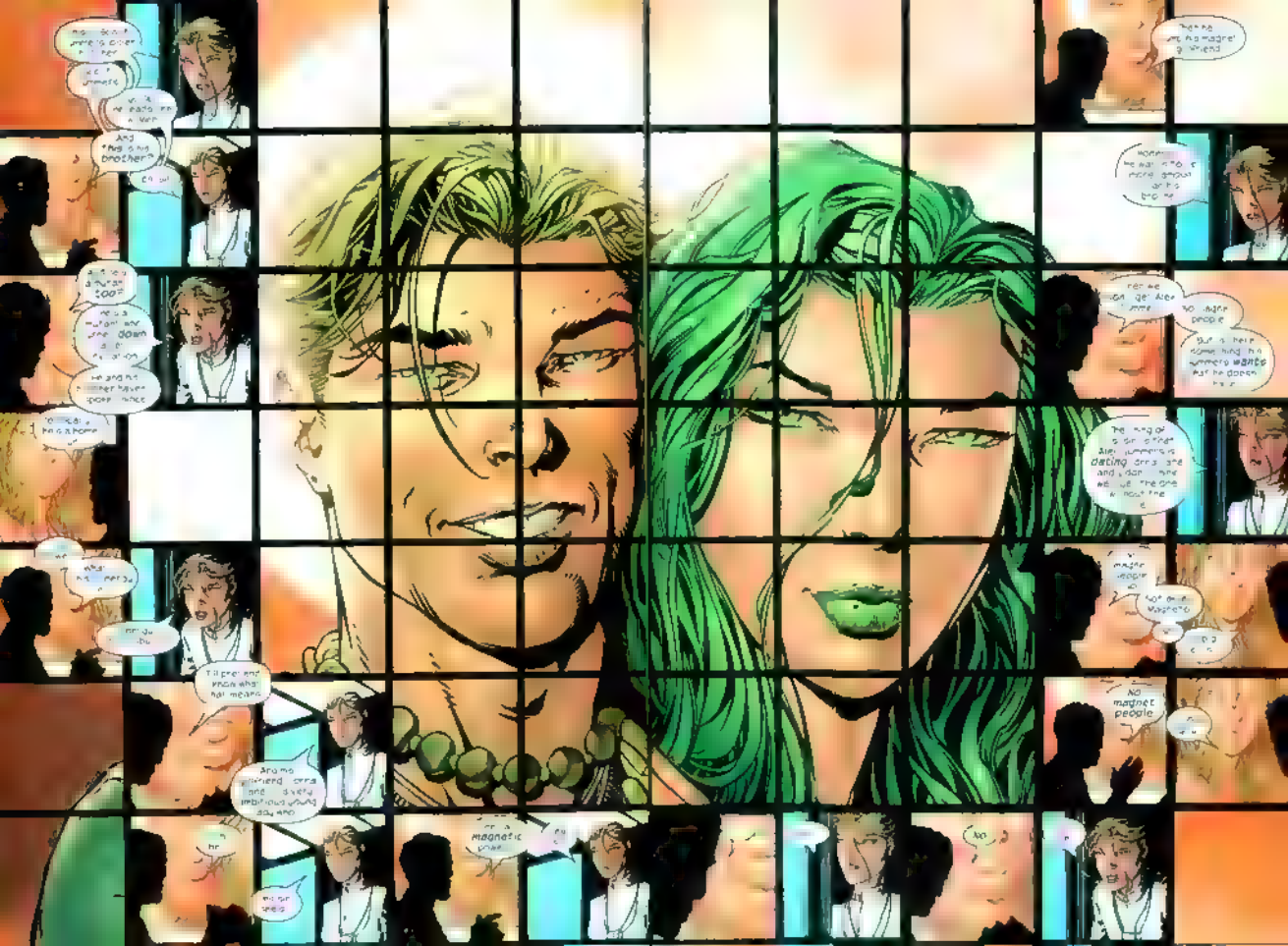
I was a girl



And I thought you were just a girl

This is the summa









All right,  
here it is.

No to  
the wolf  
girl.

No to this  
Bishop person  
with his jail time  
and his criminal  
record.

No to the magnet  
girl and no to this one  
who looks like she crawled  
out from under  
something.

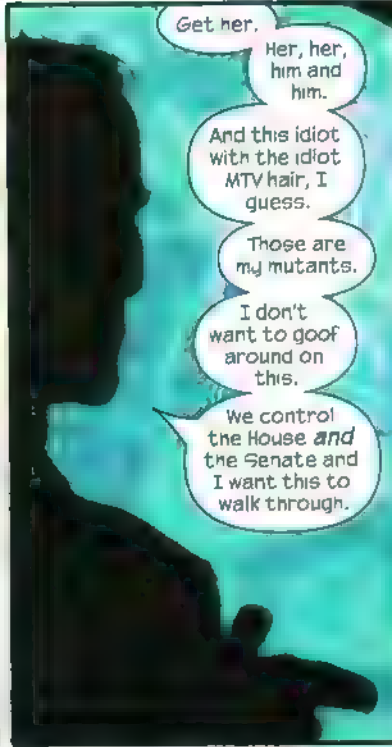
Where's that  
girl? The one that  
was in my head this  
morning. Cute little  
Asian number.



Codename.  
Karma.

Fury has  
her

We can  
get her, Mr  
President.



Get her.

Her, her,  
him and  
him.

And this idiot  
with the idiot  
MTV hair, I  
guess.

Those are  
my mutants.

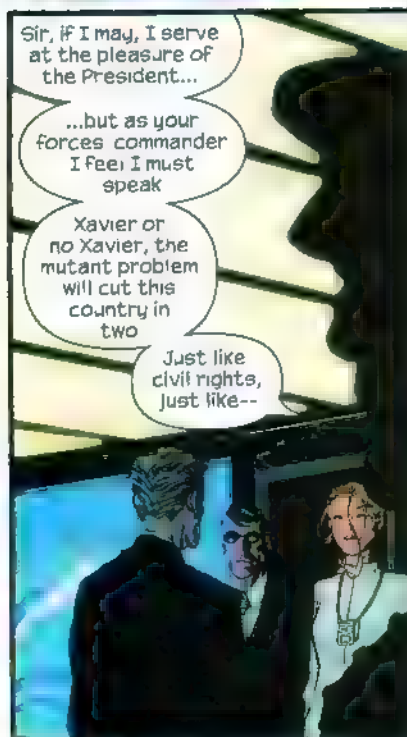
I don't  
want to goof  
around on  
this.

We control  
the House *and*  
the Senate and  
I want this to  
walk through.



I want these kids ready  
for a handshake and a press  
conference- you know  
what? Right on the  
Capitol steps

I want ths  
smooth. I want  
this to happen

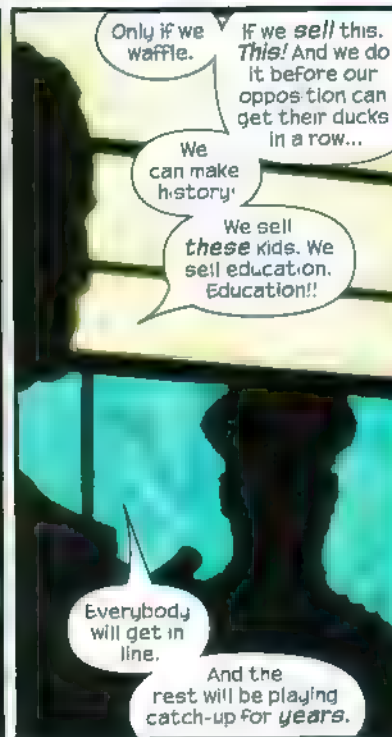


Sir, if I may, I serve  
at the pleasure of  
the President...

...but as your  
forces commander  
I feel I must  
speak

Xavier or  
no Xavier, the  
mutant problem  
will cut this  
country in two

Just like  
civil rights,  
just like--



Only if we  
waffle.

If we *sell* this.  
*This!* And we do  
it before our  
opposition can  
get their ducks  
in a row...

We  
can make  
history!

We sell  
*these* kids. We  
sell education.  
Education!!

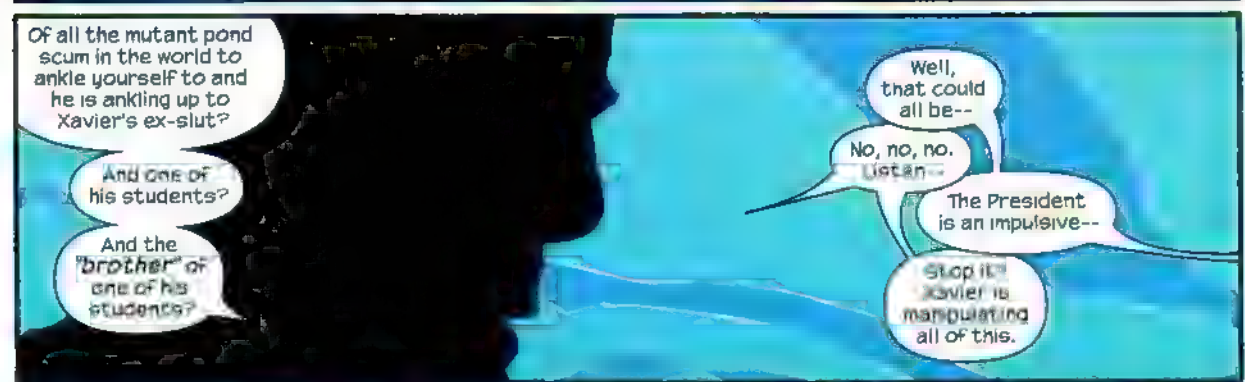
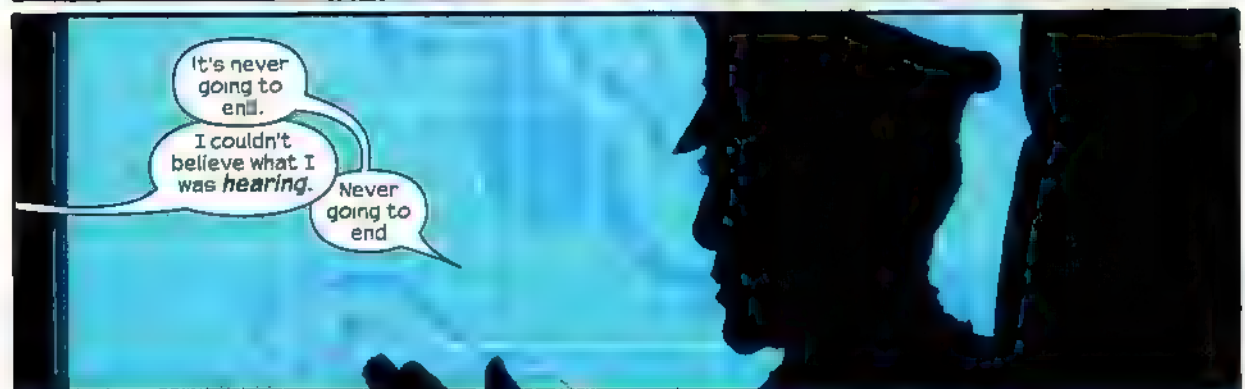
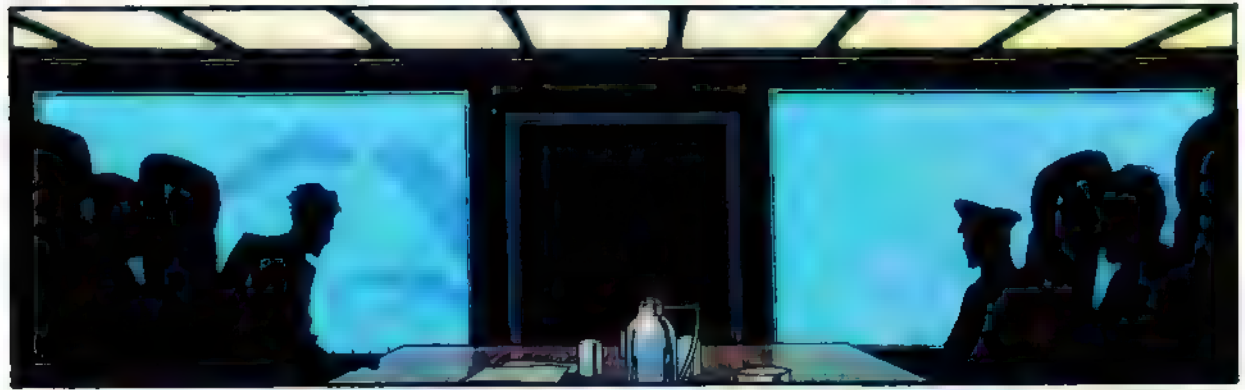
Everybody  
will get in  
line.

And the  
rest will be playing  
catch-up for *years*.




Yes, sir





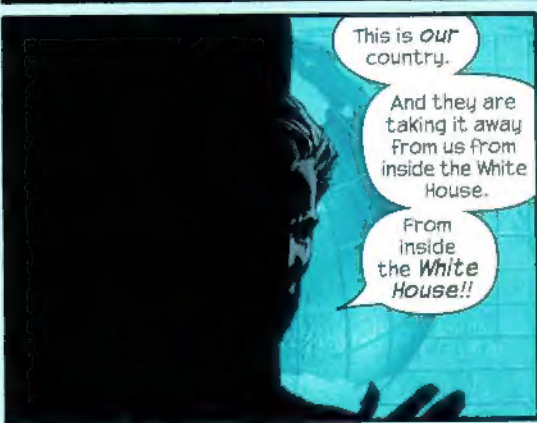




We botched the Wolverine job with those Weapon X grunts and now he's *on to* us.

He can read our minds!!

He is on to us and now he slithers this- this mutant into the White House with- with- with her smile and her talk.



This is *our* country.

And they are taking it away from us from inside the White House.

From inside the *White House!!*



What would we do then?

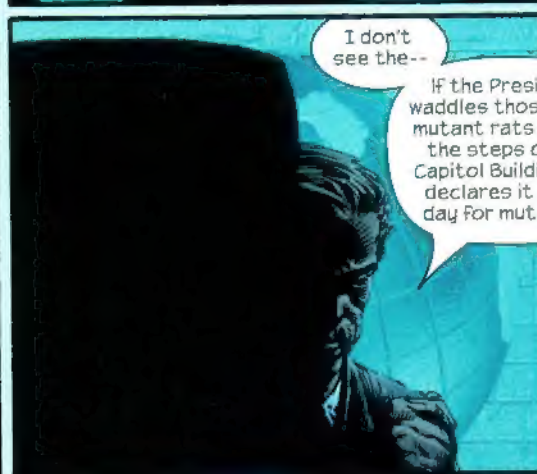
What *could* we do?

I--

I hate to say it.


I- I can barely hold back my tears when I say it.

But I don't see the choice.



I don't see the--

If the President waddles those little mutant rats out on the steps of the Capitol Building and declares it a new day for mutants...



In the name of God, I am saying...

We're going to have to make a stand.





Professor...?



Scott, tell me again, what did this Pazzler person say to you when you approached her?

She said that **another** mutant organization had approached her and that she told **them** whoever gets her a record deal she'll sign with...

...and when I pushed her on **who** this other mutant organization **is** she said she didn't remember.

And, honestly? I believe her.

Just like that?

I don't think she remembers talking to me.

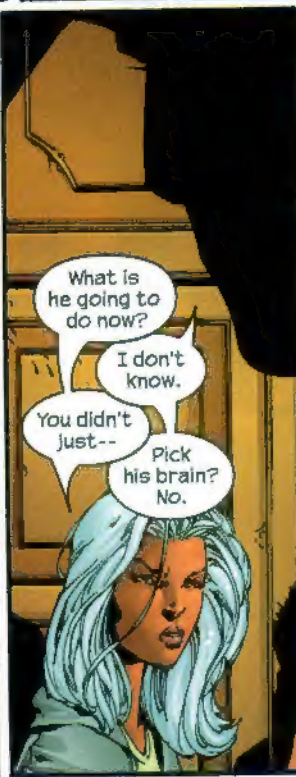
Professor, is something going on?

Did you talk to Hank?



Yes, I did.

I don't think he'll be returning to us anytime soon. I'm sorry, Ororo.



What is he going to do now?

I don't know.

You didn't just--

Pick his brain? No.



Professor?

I feel it.

What is it?

Something's coming.

What is...

...going on.







Professor?



I feel it, too.



What is it?

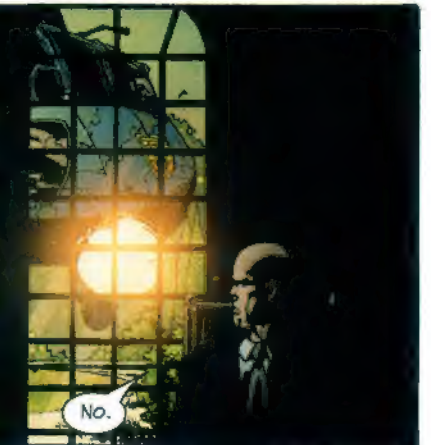


There's a psychic shield covering the copter.

They are blocking our attempt to read who it is.



Should we--?



No.



Professor?



Hold it together. I know who it is.



No.





ⓧ To be continued...